(b) if so, by when and at what places; and

(c) if not, how Government propose to tackle with the Health problems of the fast growing population in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is the responsibility of respective State Government to set up hospitals in the States keeping in view their priority and availability of resources.

However, the Central Government proposes to set up an AIIMS like institute at Jodhpur (Rajasthan) under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Yojana.

Awareness for small family among less educated villagers

1683. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to take new initiatives in-order to promote the cause of small family;

(b) what is being done to continue awareness to have small family among the less educated villagers all over the country and with what results; and

(c) what incentives/facilities are being given to the couples having one or two children and what incentives are given to those having larger families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes Sir, a proposal to launch the National Rural Health Mission, is under the consideration of the Government to increase access of people to comprehensive integrated healthcare services, including quality Family Welfare services.

(b) Messages are being disseminated regularly through Doordarshan, All India Radio and folk programmes. Counselling for family welfare services is being promoted through field level functionaries, Zila Saksharata Samitis,

Mahila Swasthya Sanghas, Self-Help Groups and Non-Government Organisations. The National Family Health Survey-II data reflects awareness about the need for Family Planning methods in the country is 98 per cent. This has led to reduction in the growth rate of population.

(c) The Government does not advocate incentives/disincentives for promotion of small family norms.

Treatment of unemployed youth in CGHS dispensaries

1684. SHRI B.K. HARI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued guidelines/instructions to all CGHS dispensaries for treatment of all unemployed children above 25 years of the Central Government employees and pensioners;

(b) if not, the reasons for not providing the above facility to the family members of CGHS beneficiaries;

(c) whether there is any litigation going on in the Supreme Court in this regard; and

(d) if so, the verdict of the court thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) As per Department of Health's O.M. No. 4-24/96-C&P/CGHS/CGHS(P) dated 17.9.99 read with O.M No.S-11012/1/98-CGHS(P) dated 14.3.2001 which have been circulated to all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, the upper age limit of 25 years for dependent sons for availing CGHS facilities was removed in accordance with the stay order granted by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi on 22.9.97 in Civil Miscellaneous Petition No. 115/97 in Civil Writ Petition No. 2542 of 1996.

(b) In view of reply (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c) and (d) As already stated in (a) above, the case is pending in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. There is, however, no such case pending in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.